



REMARKS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §103

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,827,773 to Voutsas in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,970,368 to Sasaki et al. Claims 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voutsas in view of Sasaki et al. and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,926,793 to Arima et al.

Applicant has amended claims 1-9 to further recite a magnetic core disposed around the induction coil to strengthen and concentrate a magnetic field generated by the coil onto the semiconductor film, and has added new claim 10 dependent from claim 6. Applicant respectfully submits that the feature of a magnetic core disposed around the induction coil is not disclosed nor rendered obvious by any of the cited prior art documents, and that therefore amended claims 1-10 are now allowable.

In light of the above, early consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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